

## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, April 18, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### Commissary closed Easter Sunday

The APG commissary will be closed on Sunday, April 15, in observance of the Easter holiday. The store will resume regular hours on Tuesday, April 17, opening at 10 a.m.

### APG to salute volunteers

The week of April 22 marks the start of a month of recognition and specials for the volunteers of Aberdeen Proving Ground. A reception and ceremony honoring all APG volunteers is scheduled for 7 p.m., April 26 at Top of the Bay, building 30. At the free event, open to everyone on APG, the top Volunteer of the Year in the military, family member, retiree, civilian and youth categories will be announced. In addition, entertainment will be provided and prizes and refreshments will be available. The recognition continues through May 22, as volunteers will be treated to special discounts at activities throughout the installation. See next week's issue for more information, or call Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surrette, 410-278-5469.

### Easter Bunny to appear at Easter Brunch

The post's Sunday-brunch series continues with Easter Brunch slated for April 15. The first seating will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; the second seating is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The late seating fills first, so make your reservations early.

The menu will include an omelet station, French toast, waffles, sausage, bacon, creamed beef with biscuits, home fries, grits, Danish, muffins, cereal, carved top round of beef and smoked ham, seafood creole, roast leg of lamb with peaches and mint jelly, pasta, potatoes and rice, vegetables, desserts, and beverages, including champagne and bloody Marys.

The Easter Bunny will give baskets to children. Cost is \$13.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children under age 6. Price does not include gratuity. Make reservations by April 12.

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## APG, German Armed Forces Command make friendship official

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

The military leaders of U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground and the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada, put their names to the Scrolls of Agreement uniting the two commands in a mutual alliance during the Partnership Signing Ceremony at Top of the Bay. From left, Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander Headquarters Support Troop, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Brig. Gen. Hans-George Atzinger, commander, German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada and Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander. See story and photos on page 14.

## Medical Specialist Corps celebrates 54th anniversary

By Maj. Sonya J.C. Corum

Army Medical Specialist Corps

On April 16, the Army Medical Specialist Corps will celebrate its 54th anniversary of service to our nation. The history of the occupational therapists, physical therapists, and dietitians began during World War I where women served as civilian employees of the medical program.

Although legislation was recommended in 1919 and again in the 1930s, it wasn't until Dec. 22, 1942 that the 77th Congress passed Public Law 828 which authorized dietitians and physical therapists to receive military status with military rank in the Medical Department for the duration of the war. Occupational therapists continued to serve as civilian employees. This news did not reach the dietitians and physical therapists interned by the Japanese in Manila until after their liberation.

After World War II, the contributions of the occupational therapists, physical therapists and dietitians were recognized not just by the Army, but also by civilian and other governmental agencies. Each specialty was considered indispensable to the efficient operation of an Army hospital. When the 80th Congress convened, Representative

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## State Lt. Gov. to visit APG



Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

By Sheila Little

APG News

Maryland's lieutenant governor will be the keynote speaker at the Law Day 2001 luncheon May 1 at 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay.

Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, a mother of four whose experiences include effecting positive change and fighting for the protection of children, will address what is expected to be a

sell-out audience, revolving around the theme, "Protecting the best interests of our children."

As lieutenant governor, her core mission is to make Maryland's communities safer, stronger and more prosperous. Addressing that mission, the lawyer's efforts on behalf of children include being credited with designing a nationwide model child and family services strategy enabling local communities to work together to meet the specific needs of families, and beginning a state-wide character education effort of reinforcing the shared values and ideals of courage, integrity, responsibility and respect.

Townsend has served as deputy assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice, chaired the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, and founded the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award. As founder and executive director of the Maryland Student Service Alliance, she led

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## Academy graduates 14 soldiers

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Fourteen Aberdeen Proving Ground military police officers have successfully completed intensive training at the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, Police Academy.

Commencement for the first all active-duty class to complete the demanding requirements was held at the post theater April 5.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander led the ceremony attended by DLES personnel, family members and fellow police officers.

Completing the official party were APG Provost Marshal Maj. Darrel W. Andrews, Deputy Provost Marshal Robert W. Krauer, Master Sgt. Keith Koob, Provost Sergeant and garrison Chaplain (Maj.) William Knight.

Krauer praised the graduates and instructors for maintaining high standards throughout the course, which was compressed into four weeks.

"Training can only enhance the value to law enforcement on this installation," Krauer said. "I am extremely proud of all of you."

Echoing Krauer's remarks, Andrews noted the high standards set by the academy's cadre and

adhered to by its attendees. He congratulated both groups adding, "this could not have been possible without a working partnership with the garrison."

Offering his congratulations, Spidel said the academy program has given him a "significantly greater appreciation of what police go through and stand for."

You are the very best," Spidel told the graduates. "You had tough training and now you have a tough job. I know you will continue to reflect positively on the Army."

Lt. Erick Stone, DLES officer in charge, APG Police Academy, directed the graduates through the commencement portion of the program.

Stone said the course augments training already received in military police school.

"What they receive here is directly related to serving on APG," Stone said. "Training is fully on line with outside agencies and they also can qualify on the outside as civilian police officers."

Speaking for the class, Staff Sgt. Edward Wells thanked Stone, adding, "it was an honor to have been selected for the class. We received thorough training," Wells said. "Though only four weeks, it was filled with activity."

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Photo by LT. ERICK STONE

Police officers practice quelling a civil disturbance at the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security Police Academy on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Civilian and military forces attend the academy which focuses on training law enforcement personnel on subjects directly related to serving on APG and in the state of Maryland. The rioters are volunteers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools U.S. Marine Corps Detachment.



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Advance payment with a major credit card will be accepted. For reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552

**USO-Metro sponsors contest**

Enlisted servicemembers who enter the USO-Metro’s annual Mother of the Year essay contest may win a trip for his/her mother and a guest to Washington and a \$300 cash prize.

The contest, a 500-word essay on “Why my Mother Should be Honored on Mother’s Day,” is open to all active duty enlisted personnel permanently assigned to the greater Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. Entries must be submitted by April 23 to USO-Metro, Attn: Mother’s Day Essay, Building 59, Room B-6, 204 Lee Avenue, Fort Myer, VA 22211. The winner will be announced on April 27.

The winner will be awarded \$300 and his or her mother and a guest will be flown from any major airport in the continental U.S via U.S. Airways to the DC/Baltimore area, transported by A-1 Limousine Service to the Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City and honored on May 13 at a reception at the annual USO-Metro Mother’s Day celebration at the SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir.

**Army Acquisition Corps briefing**

Officers interested in joining the Army Acquisition Corps should mark their calendars for Monday, April 23, 1 to 3 p.m. Maj. Jeannette Jones, Acquisition Career Management Office, and Capt. Moises Gutierrez, Acquisition Management Branch, PERSCOM, will provide an information briefing in building 305, main conference room. For more information, contact Chris Hignutt, 410-436-5697.

**Barracks phone service**

On April 1, AAFES/Sprint introduced a fourth option to the Barracks Telephone Program, the Nickel Night Program. Customers who sign up for this program will pay 5 cents a minute for all dial-1 state-to-state calls every night from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. At all other times, customers will pay 10 cents a minute. In-state rates may vary. The monthly long distance cost for this option is \$5.95.

As with all of the other Barracks Telephone Programs, all soldiers will be provided with free call waiting. With advance notification, customers will not be charged when TDY for 30 or more days. Room and building charges are at no expense to the soldier or the U.S. Army.

Sign up for any of these programs at the Barracks Telephone Office, building 4311, 410-273-5362.

**New AA Thrift Shop hours**

Effective May 1, the hours of operation for the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop will be Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with consignments being taken from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments being taken from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with no consignments being taken on Saturdays.

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

**BRL to host blood drive May 24**

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the Ballistics Research Laboratory Hall, building 330, on May 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can donate, call or e-mail Staff Sgt. Laing at 410-278-5843 or dlaing@arl.army.mil for an appointment.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have no tattoos that are less than one-year old, and have no sore throat, runny nose, or productive cough. To clear the 56-day limit between donations, you must have given on or before March 29 to donate on May 24.

BRL Hall, building 330, is located at the intersection of Longs Corner Road and Tower Road, and is normally in a secured area. For this blood drive, BRL Hall, building 330, will be directly accessible from Tower Road without having to go through normal security procedures.

**Microsoft-USO Defenders 10 Mile Run**

Microsoft, GEICO, Comprint Military Publications, and QMZQ 98.7, will sponsor the Microsoft-USO Defenders 10-mile Run on Sunday, May 6. The race will begin at the Pentagon at 8 a.m. Awards totaling \$10,000 will be presented to the top male and female finishers. Participants will be allowed use of the ChampionChip(r), a certified, fast course, pre-race expo at the Sheraton National Hotel and course entertainment.

First place male and female finishers will each receive \$2,400 and special awards will be given to the first place male and female from each branch of service. Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate. Team categories include military (male, female and co-ed), embassies, Corporate Challenge, Open (male, female, co-ed) and Masters (male, female).

All proceeds from the race go directly back into USO-Metro programs and services for military personnel and their families. Cost of race registration is \$20 until April 23, and \$25 after April 23. Online

registration is available.

On race day, volunteers are needed from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for course set-up, course marshalling, medical and first-aid and water stations. Volunteers will receive a complimentary T-shirt, food, and tickets to area events. Call Sharon Reynolds, 703-805-2464, to volunteer.

For more information on the Microsoft-USO Defenders Ten Mile Run, call Beth Bradner, 1-703-696-3279, or visit [www.runwashington.com](http://www.runwashington.com)

**Burger King recalls toddler toys**

Burger King Corp. is voluntarily recalling 400,000 “Rattling, Paddling, Riverboat toddler toys” distributed between Jan. 15 and Feb. 13 and offering free replacement. The recall affects those Burger King restaurants owned and operated by AAFES. AAFES Burger King customers are being instructed not to return the toy to Burger King. Instead, a consumer hotline has been set up to receive calls.

The contact number is 1-800-661-9173 and is printed on signs located inside Burger King facilities.

**USFHP/TRICARE briefings scheduled**

Johns Hopkins Medical Services Corporation will hold briefings on the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan, a TRICARE Prime designated provider, at the Ball Conference Center in Dickson Hall, building 3074, onApril 16, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The USFHP at Johns Hopkins is a TRICARE choice available to military dependents, military retirees, their dependents and survivors. The open enrollment period ends April 30 for retirees, their dependents and survivors. Active duty dependents may enroll at any time.

For reservations, call 1-800-808-7347.

**Passport, DA photos taken at Photo Lab**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Photo Lab takes passport photos every Thursday, 2 to 3:30 p.m., on a walk-in basis. DA 201 File photos are taken by appointment only every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Head and shoulder (i.e., chain of command, wall display) photos are by appointment only on Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For information about this and other photographic services, call 410-278-3391. See “Tips for military photographs”, page 5.

**Red Cross offers “The Shining Star Tribute”**

Is there a very special person who has made a great influence on your life? When was the last time you acknowledged that fact? The American Red Cross offers “The Shining Star Tribute” to recognize the influence and inspiration they made on your life. For every \$25 donation, you can recognize an individual and let them know how much he or she has meant to you. They will receive a certificate, suitable for framing.

All submissions must include name of the person to be honored, their address and relationship to you, your name and address, and any special remarks you would like mentioned and a check payable to American Red Cross. Send to The Shining Star Tribute, American Red Cross, 122 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014. All proceeds received through this project will benefit the programs and services of the American Red Cross. Contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, call 410-838-4568.

**Ambulance transfers for pediatric patients**

Children treated at the Harford Memorial Hospital Emergency Room who require hospitalization will be transported to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air. TRICARE beneficiaries may be charged a copayment for the civilian ambulance transfer to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center for pediatric admissions. However, if your child should require emergency medical services for life threatening conditions such as poisoning, convulsions, high fever and other acute conditions, call 911 or seek care at the nearest civilian hospital emergency room.

**Urgent Care Clinic changes hours**

The new Kirk Urgent Care Clinic hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and training holidays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and holidays. Call Nurse Telephone Triage at 410-278-1751 for Urgent Care Clinic appointments. The Nurse Telephone Triage line will be open for calls at 8 a.m. on weekdays and one half hour before the clinic opens on weekends and holidays.

**Immunization Clinic changes hours**

The new Immunization Clinic hours are Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and Preparation for Overseas Replacement 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Local amusement park tickets available at ITR**

Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has tickets available for the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Hershey Park and Paramount’s Kings Dominion. All other park tickets will become available closer to their park’s opening dates. As a reminder, tickets for Colonial Williamsburg are special order (just like the Disney Passes).

Call 410-278-4011/4612 or stop by building 3326.

**Child care providers needed**

Applicants interested in providing home-based child care, especially in the Edgewood Area, are encouraged to apply for positions as child care providers. Interviews will be conducted April 17 and 18.

Family child care training will be conducted April 23 to 27. Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits: up to \$500 per week, self employment, free training in a marketable profession, transferable credit to Army installations world wide, free use of toy lending library, free referrals by Central Registry, free monthly newsletter, free workshops (child development, nutrition, health, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National CDA credential program and participation in the USDA food program.

For more information in the Aberdeen Area, call Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720 or Kathy Reese in the Edgewood Area at 410-436-2692/3355.

**NAACP seeking nominees for award**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is seeking military personnel and Department of Defense civilians as nominees for the Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award. This award is for someone who made a significant contribution to his or her country in the area of civil or human rights, race relations, equal opportunity, affirmative action, human resources or public service. Nominees may include supervisory or non-supervisory personnel at any grade or occupational level and any ethnic group. If you are interested in nominating someone else or yourself, call Penny White, equal employment opportunity specialist, 410-278-7074. Nominations must be received by May 21.

**GSA seminar for federal personnel**

GSA 101, a free comprehensive seminar for federal civilian and military personnel interested in learning more about General Services Administration products and services, is scheduled for May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, 700 King Street in Wilmington, Del. Learn to use the on-line shopping and ordering system, GSAAvantage, and the GSA Schedules E-Library, the on-line source for complete multiple award schedule contract award information.

For more information, call Angela Griffin, 215-656-3872. Register on-line at [www.midatlantic.gsa.gov/fss/seminars](http://www.midatlantic.gsa.gov/fss/seminars) or by e-mail to [midatlantic.seminars@gsa.gov](mailto:midatlantic.seminars@gsa.gov).

**Volunteer Connection seeking help**

If you are 55 or older, looking for adventure, a chance to meet new people and use your talents and skills while helping the community, Volunteer Connection RSVP needs volunteers. For opportunities as tour guides, arts and crafts assistants, partners in reading, or helping with community safety, call Sally Drumm or Dale Neeper at 410-638-4444, or fax 410-638-3069, or-email [rsvp@co.ha.md.us](mailto:rsvp@co.ha.md.us).

**Wealth-building classes offered by ACS**

Army Community Service is presenting the following classes on how to manage money, live debt-free, and invest for the future at the ACS, building 2754 on Rodman Road:

April 18, Savings and Investing, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

April 25, Retirement Planning, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Classes are free and open to all civilians, active duty personnel, retirees and family members. Space is limited. Call Tricia Jewitt, 410-278-4372 to reserve your seat. (Bring a lunch.)

**547th Engineer Battalion Reunion**

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) Association and its attached units (552nd and 1328th) will hold its 15th annual reunion Thursday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Radisson Governors Inn, Durham, N.C. The Radisson Governors Inn is located on I-40, Exit 280 at Davis Drive, Research Triangle Park.

For reunion pre-registration, call John Joyner, 919-596-7940, 2114 Baltic Ave., Durham, N.C. 27707; or Ursula Allen, 253-582-4649, 9111 Forest Ave. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498. For hotel reservations, call 1-919-549-8631 or 1-800-333-3333.

**EA Thrift Shop open**

The EA Thrift Shop is open for business in our regular location, building E-1633, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The consignment room is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on all of the above days. For information call, 410-676-4733.

**Legal Office offers advice**

For emergency legal advice, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Garrison Legal Assistance Office, continues to see eligible clients on a walk-in basis every Thursday in building 310, wing 2, 8 to 11 a.m. For more information, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583/1584. For any non-emergency situation, call the office to schedule an appointment.

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**FAREWELL FROM A SOLDIER**

*A poem dedicated to the soldiers of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, written by Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas who is retiring after 26 years of service.*

*I raised my hand and took an oath  
I swore to defend  
my nation’s lands  
Thoroughly trained,  
I grew to understand  
The way we live  
Too few will ever comprehend*

*As an NCO I protected  
our nation  
Through hardships and  
separations  
My loved ones stood in wonder  
As I faced each battle’s thunder*

*Though our families know  
some sadness  
Their hopes and dreams  
stay with us*

*Through the sunshine and the rains  
‘til’ the “Taps” play  
over our remains  
For we are their foundations  
And the keepers of their peace*

*I will forever be an American  
fighting soldier  
An Army of One  
I will forever dwell  
within the forces  
That defend our nation  
And salute those who continue  
to risk all in her defense  
Because I know that they know  
What it takes to love this land*

*God Bless and keep you all!*



# Truman signs law for SP corps

*SP CORPS, from front page*

Margaret Chase Smith presented the bill that would recognize the occupational therapists, physical therapists, and dietitians as a part of the Regular Army.

On April 16, 1947, President Truman signed Public Law 80-36 that established the Women’s Medical Specialist Corps and on Dec. 5, 1947, Maj. Emma Vogel was appointed the first chief.

On Aug. 9, 1955, Public Law 84-294 authorized the commissioning of male medical specialists which necessitated a change in the Corps’ name and insignia. The Corps was renamed the Army Medical Specialist Corps and occupational therapists, physical therapists and dietitians have proudly worn the “S” insignia as they served in Vietnam, Desert Storm and around the world.

On Feb. 4, 1992, physician assistants were commissioned and joined the corps contributing to the SP’s success in providing top quality soldier health care.

Photo courtesy SP Corps Office of the Chief Archives

After signing Public Law 80-36, President Truman was photographed with (left to right) Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Lieutenant Commander Ruth B. Dunbar, Major Helen C. Burns and Major Emma E. Vogel.



# Restrictions continue on taking firearms to Germany

*Courtesy of Army News Service*

HEIDELBERG, Germany (March 26)--As the relocation season approaches, U.S. Army Europe officials are reminding soldiers and civilians that a restriction is in place prohibiting the shipping, transporting, or hand-carrying of privately-owned firearms to Germany.

This importation restriction does not affect private firearms covered by a valid German Weapons Possession Card, known as Waffenbesitzkarte, or WBK, officials said.

The temporary weapons restriction, in place since Sept. 26, will remain in effect until USAREUR and the German Federal Ministry of the Interior finalize procedures for soldiers and civilian employees to obtain a WBK through the U.S. armed forces.

USAREUR officials said these procedures, when in place, will allow military and civilian personnel assigned to the command to obtain a WBK without having to interact directly with German WBK issuing offices. Until these procedures are implemented, officials said the temporary restriction on importation is necessary to avoid the possibility of incoming personnel unwittingly taking delivery of household goods and facing sanctions under the German Weapons Law or the Uniform Code of Military Justice for unlawful possession of an unregistered firearm.

The restriction will be modified or rescinded, officials said, when procedures are in place for U.S. military personnel to obtain the WBK through U.S. armed forces channels.

# Law Day luncheon celebrates children

*LAW DAY, from front page*

Maryland in becoming the first state in the country to include community service as a requirement for high school graduation, and has taught at local universities and community colleges.

The daughter of former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and niece of former President John F. Kennedy, Townsend lives in Baltimore County with her husband, David, a college professor, and four daughters.

The price of the luncheon is \$12. For reservations, call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 410-278-1107, by April 20.

# Bosnia force losing equipment, 750 troops

**By Adam Ramirez and Gregory Piatt**  
*Army News Service*

As part of a reduction of forces in Bosnia, the Army will pull out all of its Apache attack helicopters.

The 16 Apaches in Bosnia will be pulled out of the country in the next few months, officials said, and will leave Bosnia at the same time the Army reduces the number of troops it commits to the Stabilization Force by about 750.

The troop withdrawal might test Bosnia’s political stability and possibly hamper peace plans in the region, international observers said.

Soldiers have already begun cleaning, inspecting and in some cases, taking apart equipment such as the AH-64 Apaches, tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles. All will head home soon.

Still, politically, Bosnia is in a “delicate situation right now,” said Kate Frieson, spokesperson for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia based in Tuzla.

There is a real test of the international community going on right now so there is some concern surrounding this announcement,” Frieson said. “I know SFOR has been trying to reassure the Bosnian population that their patrols will remain the same.

This is no surprise but there still may be some concern among Bosnians,” Frieson said.

Military officials said the decision to withdraw the personnel and equipment was made last year during a routine six-month review. That’s when Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, U.S. Army Europe commander, identified excess war-fighting machines.

The rationale “is based on continued operational improvements on the ground,” he said in a prepared statement.

The two U.S. generals at Eagle Base, Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp and Brig. Gen. Stephen J. Ferrell,



Photo courtesy of ArmyLINK

A M1A2 Abrams tank from the 1st Armor Division crosses the Sava River into Bosnia. The crossing was made possible by a ribbon bridge constructed by Army engineers.

declined to discuss the details of the troops’ impending departure or where the removal would be felt the most.

Some soldiers were excited by the news.

“We’ve been here a long time; it’s time we started letting the locals take over,” said Pfc. Steve Jackson, who declined to give his unit and said he’d been in Bosnia for seven months.

Some Bosnians are concerned that local police and the International Police Task Force aren’t ready to take over the reins.

There’s been problems with the police — they act better when they know SFOR is coming around,” said Redeo Gagulic, of Tuzla. “People still have anxiety. This could scare them off more.”

Frieson agreed.

“If there’s a noticeable decrease of SFOR, it may well affect the decision of some people to return; hopefully it won’t,” Frieson said, “as long as [it is]

made clear to the public that there will still be a presence here. Some of the hard-liners will be happy to hear this. They want SFOR to go.”

A NATO official who specializes in the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia said Friday that each nation has a right to scale back its forces in NATO.

“This decision was made during the six-month review in November,” the official said on the condition of anonymity. “Now,

the press is making it out as a Bush administration decision, but we knew this was coming.

“All we’ve heard about was what has been decided at the troop review in December and that has to deal with heavy equipment such as Bradleys, tanks and Apache helicopters,” the official said in a phone interview from NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

The list of equipment being

withdrawn includes: a battalion of AH-64 Apache attack helicopters and an undisclosed number of M1A2 tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, combat engineer vehicles and tactical communications equipment.

Brig. Gen. Keith W. Dayton told a Columbia University symposium the U.S. would start pulling its troops out of Bosnia in 2003, a year before the next U.S. presidential elections.

Dayton, the Joint Chiefs of Staff’s deputy director of political-military affairs for Europe/Africa, told the attendees that the U.S. was planning a radical reshaping of its troop involvement in SFOR. He said the troop downsizing would be considered during the upcoming SFOR troop review in May.

The State Department disputed Dayton’s claim to the troop withdrawal beginning in 2003, saying nothing has been decided.

Commenting on the Dayton claim, a NATO official said the alliance wasn’t worried about the U.S. pulling out of SFOR.

“When Secretary of State Colin Powell was here, he told us the U.S. wouldn’t cut and run and we have to believe him,” the official said on the condition of anonymity.

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# CAC meeting covers spring cleanup, scheduled activities, new businesses and safety issues

**By Sheila Little**

*APG News*

A meeting of the Community Action Council was held Mar. 22, in the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4140. Joseph Craten, deputy to the garrison commander, presided over the meeting which covered safety, spring cleanup and the schedule of summer activities and events.

**Health news**

Jan Spellman, patient advocate representing Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, announced new hours for the Urgent Care Clinic and the Immunization Clinic. UCC hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Immunization Clinic hours are Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, 8 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Immunization Clinic is closed on week-ends and holidays.

Spellman also said Sierra Health has moved from the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center to the third floor of KUSAHC, building 2501.

**Shopping changes**

Steven Bielefeldt, manager of the Army and Air Force Exchange Services at APG, said the cashier’s cage is being moved to the customer-service area in the front of the store. All services will be available in the customer-service area.

Bielefeldt gave an update on several vendors. Church’s Chicken is awaiting design approval. Once approved, contract bids will be solicited and building for the concession could start 90 days after a bid is approved.

Building 4311 has added Le’ Greggs, a food concession, open in the evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. The barber shop, laundry and drycleaners, also in the building, added Saturday hours, starting last weekend. No Sunday hours are anticipated.

In the Edgewood Area, Anthony’s Pizza and Robin Hood discontinued weekend hours due to lack of business during the weekends. Patrons are reminded that the Edgewood Recreation Center continues weekend food service.

Sprinkles, an ice cream and pastry store, opened April 12 in the previous Dunkin Donuts locations of both areas of APG (buildings 3245 and E-4010). Look for opening specials. Both will be operate on week-days and weekends.

Finally, Bielefeldt said the post exchange continues to offer price matching. If the difference is less than \$5, the PX will honor the lower price. If over \$5, an advertisement or written proof is needed, or the PX will call the store in question for verification.

Richard Nornhold, manager of the post commissary, said the store will be closed Easter Sunday, April 15, in observance of the holiday. The store resumes regular hours on Tuesday, April 17, opening at 10 a.m.

He added that the winner of \$1,500 in the scholarship contest will be announced in April.

Nornhold said that due to security issues, beginning in May, check-paying customers will not be required to add their social security numbers to the face of the check.

He also said retirees should continue submitting their stocking requests, as those requests are considered when bringing in merchandise.

**Activites, spring recreation and concert schedule**

Roy Ballinger, chief of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, announced that those wishing to attend the Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 15, should sign up as soon as possible. Seating times are 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. The menu includes breakfast selections, beef, ham, seafood, spring lamb, assorted vegetables, desserts and beverages including champagne and bloody Marys. The Easter Bunny will be offering treats for the children. Those under the age of 6 are free, children through age 11 are \$6.95, adults are \$13.95. Gratuity is not included. Call for reservations, 410-278-3062/2552, by April 12.

Golf season is here and Ruggles, Exton and Plumb Point courses are open.

Life guards, age 17 and up, are needed for the swimming pool season which begins Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day. Call 410-278-7144 or 306-0083 for information on becoming a life guard.

Season passes for the pools go on sale at the Hoyle Fitness Center in the Edgewood Area and the Equipment Resource Center in the Aberdeen Area, beginning May 7.

The APG Riding Activity, a self-care boarding facility located in the Edgewood Area, has stall vacancies.

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park, featuring miniature golf, batting cages, and go-karts, opens April 20 at 4 p.m., weather permitting.

For information on any of the listed activities, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Concerts coming up include two outdoor events, one featuring Styx, Kansas and Survivor on June 16, and LeAnn Rimes in concert August 18. Plans for an indoor Rhythm and Blues concert have run into scheduling difficulties.

**Army Emergency Relief campaign**

Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander of Headquarters Support Troop and AER campaign coordinator, said active-duty personnel and military retirees have been notified about this year’s campaign, either by word-of-mouth or through the mail. Funds raised go to support soldiers and military retirees experiencing temporary financial set-backs. Support is given through no-interest loans, grants, or a combination of loan and grant. The campaign runs through the end of May. For additional information call 410-278-2104.

Retired Col. Charles Shadle said a retiree appreciation day is set for October 13.

Speaking for the Coast Guard, he said units and individuals may schedule water safety classes. Call 410-663-9263 for information.

**Family support, volunteer recognition, mayor elections**

The Army Family Action Plan Symposium, which began on Tuesday, concludes today, April 12, at the Top of the Bay, building 30. The annual spring symposium addresses quality of life issues for the Army and APG. Those interested in attending the closing session this afternoon,

are asked to gather in the main ballroom at 1 p.m. for concluding remarks. No reservations are necessary.

A volunteer recognition ceremony and reception will be held April 26, 7 p.m., at Top of the Bay, building 30. Call Surette, 410-278-5469, to make a reservation for the free event.

Recent mayoral elections have yielded a poor response. Those willing to serve are asked to call Cecelia Howard, 410-306-2011.

Installation yard sale dates are set. Aberdeen Area neighborhoods will hold yard sales on June 2, with a rain date of June 9. Edgewood Area neighborhoods are scheduled for June 16, with a rain date of June 23. More information about yard sales will follow closer to the scheduled dates.

**Housing and safety issues**

Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, director of the Directorate of Public Works, urged residents to call in work orders for items that need attention. Although funds are not available to fix everything, work needing to be done should be documented and added to the backlog, depicting the installation’s need for funds.

Policy letters have been distributed in the housing areas addressing several safety concerns.

**Trampoline guidelines--See story page 7.**

**Safety helmet use expanded**

The installation policy regarding safety helmets is expanded to include bicycles, scooters, roller blades, roller skates, skate boards and any other items falling into the stated policy category of bicycle, foot-propelled and motorized recreational equipment. All bicyclists, scooter operators and skaters must wear helmets. Skaters must also wear elbow and knee pads and wrist guards.

**Lead paint**

Lead paint is another safety issue for those living in quarters built before 1978. Lead exposure is particularly harmful to pregnant women and those under age 6. Lead paint in the older housing on APG has been encapsulated and should not cause a problem. However, residents in older APG housing areas who wish to become child-care providers must disclose the information on lead to potential clients. Periodic testing to determine lead levels in family housing is performed, and results are available upon request. Residents who opt to move out of older housing, do it at their own expense. A blood test is available at KUSAHC to detect lead levels in young children. Consult the Environmental Protection Agency pamphlet regarding lead protection which was issued with the APG Housing Booklet. Any possible lead problems, such as chipping or peeling paint, should be reported to the housing division for prompt attention. In the Aberdeen Area call Marilyn Spence, 410-306-2012. Edgewood Area residents call Bernice Johnson, 410-306-2014.

**Dishwashers**

Finally, housing residents returning to homes left vacant for a week or more are asked to turn on the hot water faucets and let the water run for a few minutes to release any hydrogen gas that may have accumulated in the hot water lines. An incident involving a dishwasher at a Navy base exploding from a build-up of hydrogen gas, prompted the request.

**Spring cleanup**

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings announced that spring cleanup begins with tenant cleanup April 17 to 21, U. S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools’ cleanup April 24 to 28, and housing areas cleanup, May 1 to 5.

Stallings said all residents are expected to participate in neighborhood cleanup. Those who refuse to participate should be reported to Stallings, 410-278-1509. The problem will then be addressed at a higher level. Chronic offenders will be asked to find housing off post.

**Mulching**

Roger Stofflet, a management agronomist with DPW presented a briefing on the proper application of mulch. Anyone using mulch should evenly spread it no more than 2 to 3 inches thick around trees and shrubs, and leave an inch space between the trunk and the mulch. Residents are reminded that the Re-Nu-It centers will not be supplying mulch for installation neighborhoods.

**Neighborhood concerns**

Speeding through neighborhoods remains an issue on the installation. Anyone passing by or through a neighborhood is asked to slow down and watch for playing children.

Skippers Point residents, seeing standing water in their housing area, raised concerns about the anticipated mosquito population and what viruses they may carry. Spraying to kill mosquitoes is based on mosquito population density. Tests will be done periodically to check density. Residents will be notified prior to spraying.

The next meeting of the Community Action Council will begin at 9 a.m., April 19, in the conference room of building 305, garrison headquarters.

Safe driving tip		
Situation: Imagine you are driving 25 miles an hour on a straight away, behind a truck hauling lumber. You’re about to pass when you decide to drop back because the load doesn’t look well tied down. Suddenly an 8-foot long, 2-by-4 jars loose coming directly towards you. What should you do?	control of your vehicle. It would be better to “hard brake, veer if possible, or hit it out-right.” By hard braking you get slowed down immediately so less damage is done and if you can veer to the right and avoid it, that is the best. But, you’re better off to hit it than to swerve. Our instinctive action, whenever anything comes at us, is to flinch or dodge. That action can cause you to swerve and lose control. It’s a good idea to brace yourself and hold the wheel steady when you see something coming, whether it’s a 2-by-4, a bird, or a newspaper.	Answer B. Yes, good choice. If you aren’t sure you can get away form something, like that piece of wood, the slower you’re going when you hit it, the less damage it will do. And if you can veer to miss it, of course that’s the best thing, but you’re better off to hit it than to swerve or try to dodge around it. Always when something comes at us, we tend to flinch or dodge. That action can cause you to swerve and lose control. It’s a good idea to brace yourself and hold the wheel steady when you see something coming, whether it’s a 2-by-4, a bird, or a newspaper.

# Opinions

## A ‘helping’ attitude is best for living with Uncle Sam



By Sheila Little  
APG News

It’s spring cleanup in the housing areas on APG, and the sound of whining is in the air. Granted, it’s only a few residents balking at doing their part during cleanup, but they set a poor example and ruin it for those trying to teach their children how to work with others and get along.

I wish the few unhappy residents causing the problem would count their blessings instead of enumerating all the minor inconveniences of life on a military installation.

Maybe if everyone were forced to live off-post during their initial military assignments, they would come to appreciate the benefits of living on-post with Uncle Sam.

Jim and I have lived both on- and off-post during our 26 years in the military, and I am really sorry to see that what has been the prevailing attitude in many civilian areas for years, has infiltrated the military housing areas. People are substituting warmth and friendship with insulation and isolation. The signs are everywhere, and one of the signs is lack of neighbor-to-neighbor cooperation. At no time is it more obvious than during housing area cleanup.

There are a number of great reasons to live on-post. It is convenient to live in an area that is close to work, shopping, child care and recreational activities. Housing areas are generally populated with children of similar ages and experiences, affording new children ready connections to the area. Commissary shopping, with that military discount, is readily available, reasonably priced child care meeting government standards is conveniently located near, in many cases, both work and home. There are numerous areas to go to run or ride bikes without the hassle of a lot of traffic or loose dogs. In many cases the swimming pool, golf course or tennis court is within walking distance and available at rock-bottom prices.

Of course, just about everyone is happy when it comes to moving time. Who wants to deal with breaking a lease or selling a home, especially when you consider all the other chores that occupy your time when moving?

Finally, what I think is the most important, military housing residents have easy access to others of common circumstances and interests, and can take advantage of it by building long-lasting friendships.

The main disadvantage is you can’t buy your on-post residence and build up equity.

Why then, are some residents bothered by getting together with

their neighbors for a few hours twice a year to spruce up the housing area?

Housing isn’t cheaper off post, and usually the upkeep involves more than what is being asked by installation officials.

Getting together with your neighbors for a few hours of labor twice a year seems a small price to pay for the many benefits.

Housing wasn’t available when we first arrived at APG in 1984, so we rented a home for a year before securing quarters.

Let me tell you, it was no fun, and after the year was up, I was more than ready to move on-post.

In contrast to our off-post reception a year earlier when no one dropped by to acknowledge us, our Edgewood Area neighbors came over as we were moving in, introduced themselves and their children, brought baked goods, and offered moving assistance. I loved the neighborhood and felt like a welcome addition to it from that very first day.

When we lived on Austin Road, we used to get together with our neighbors for a barbecue after cleanup. We did the work, but we worked together. The work got done, the time flew, and the neighborhood did some serious bonding. It’s all in your attitude.

We felt ‘rich’ for a number of reasons. One reason was the immeasurable price of living in a friendly, warm neighborhood. Another was the fact that we were across the street from an APG swimming pool. Due to living on post and taking advantage of their surroundings, our daughters, who were pool regulars, became excellent swimmers. We experienced advantages of country club living without incurring the expense. What a deal!

We bought a home when we returned to APG in 1992, and although I was excited about our purchase, the civilian neighborhood reception lacked the warmth of the military community experience. And by the way, a pool was not part of the deal.

To this day, I miss living on-post. The price for that cozy family neighborhood feeling is hard to measure. I miss living among others with similar family situations and work assignments. I miss the convenience. I miss the feeling of really belonging.

Although you can become pals with neighbors wherever you are, the cement of truly close friendships is based upon common interests and similar work experiences mixed with the spice of different background cultures and beginnings.

My friends share similar religious and family values, and although I’ve lived off-post for nearly nine years, most of my closest friends, at one time or another, also have experienced life on a military installation.

Military communities, with a record of tolerance and acceptance, should lead the way in showing others how to happily co-exist.

A great part of building that friendship bond is solidified by working together for the common good.

Uncle Sam is considerate enough to have housing areas available, and he’s a pretty good landlord. Why not show your appreciation and reach out to your neighborhood community by helping wherever and whenever you can? Do what the military

## AER update--APG marches toward \$40,000 goal

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Army Emergency Relief, a private, non-profit organization with a mission to help soldiers deal with financial crises through no-interest loans and grants, is nearing the mid-point of the 2001 AER campaign. With a local installation goal of \$40,000, AER has raised \$14,000 on Aberdeen Proving Ground, or 35 percent of the goal.

The campaign runs through the end of May, so there is still time to contribute to an organization that gives 95 cents of every dollar raised to

those in need. Eligible recipients of the loans and grants include active duty and retired soldiers, their families, widows and orphans, and Army and National Guard members and Reservists who meet the 30 consecutive days of active duty requirement. AER funds often go for unforeseen emergency travel expenses, essential auto repairs, and security deposits or rent. Anyone may contribute through contacting their organization’s AER representative or calling campaign coordinator Maj. Clifton Johnston, 410-278-2104/3000.

## Annual Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign 2001 points of contact

Organization	Representative	Phone No.
CHPPM	Lt. Maung Myat	410-436-7624
HHC 61st	Sgt. Byrant	410-278-8576
HHC 16th	Staff Sgt. Bolling	410-278-5212
Company A	Staff Sgt. King	410-278-8732
Company B	Sgt. Taylor	410-278-4315
Company C	Sgt. Nives	410-278-8579
HHC 143rd	1st Lt. Middlebrooks	410-436-3301
HHC 143rd Sgt.	1st Class Sanders	410-436-5339
Company A	1st Lt. Ashcraft	410-436-4443
Company B	1st Lt. Zuzblo	410-436-4212
Company C	1st Lt. Heinonen	410-436-3766
NCO Academy	Staff Sgt. Brown	410-278-9131
SBCCOM/TEU	Sgt. 1st Class Leonard Lee	410-436-3565

Organization	Representative	Phone No.
MRICD	Spc. Pieper	410-436-2463
AEC	Capt. McNeill	410-436-6831
DLES	Sgt. Farlow	410-306-0557
203rd TIU	Staff Sgt. Crawford	410-278-7833
520th TAML	Staff Sgt. Goodwin	410-436-6018
DTC	Sgt. Mc Gee	410-278-1022
USAG	Spc. Caraballo	410-278-3000
KUSAHC	2nd Lt. Kern	410-278-1770
DENTAC	Sgt. Lewis	410-278-1797
389th Army Band	Spc. Carmack	410-278-8769
CPAC	Cheryl Gatling	410-278-8978
DMPO	Shelley Sines	410-306-2361
OCS 61st Bde Sgt.	1st Class Weed	410-278-5334

## Tips for military photographs

The following tips are offered to help make your next visit to the Aberdeen Proving Ground studio a success:

- Carry a freshly pressed uniform on a hangar and change at the studio.
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt and starch the collar.
- Wear a real tie as opposed to a clip-on.
- Distinctive unit crests worn on the epaulet are required. Meritorious unit awards for which you do not have permanent orders should be removed for DA-201 photos. Placement of awards on the uniform is the soldier’s responsibility and should be done prior to arriving at the studio.
- If it is necessary to cancel, please call as far in advance of your

appointment as possible so that time slot can used by others needing photographs.

- An added note is to refrain from wearing cologne or aftershave. This is requested because after years of chemical exposure, the photographer is now sensitized.

The studio is located in building 4117 on Boothby Hill Road between Bel Air and Havre de Grace Streets. Park and enter from the quadrangle side. For more information, call 410-278-3391.

# Sports & Fitness

## Company B 143rd rebounds from loss to force rally game

**By Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

In an April 4 game at the Edgewood Area’s Hoyle Gym, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion demonstrated exactly what happens when you refuse to lose.

After going down 15-4 in the opening match, Company B rebounded 15-6 in the second match, then defeated Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion 15-12 in the rally game for the victory.

“We just got our heads together and reminded ourselves what we

wanted to do,” Company C 143rd coach William Hadley said after the game.

He added that defensive plays proved pivotal in determining the victor.

Company C 143rd broke a 4-4 tie early in the second match to go up 6-4.

With Hadley in the game helping out, Company B 143rd soon tied it up 6-6 then led 8-6 with flawless serving by Calvin Snead.

On the Company C front line, Matt Henning, Vince Loggins,

Rick Blas and Alonzo Cushner helped put up a stellar defense until Company B’s Nestor Rodriguez took over, serving up a 13-6 lead until a Company C timeout.

Despite the break and unusually strong fan support, Company C went down 15-6.

In the fast-moving rally game, both teams stayed within one point of each other until Company B’s Katie Duffy served to an 11-9 lead backed up by defensive plays from Rodriguez, Calvin Snead, Todd Sturgell and Santiago Alonzo.

Down 12-9, with Gregory West serving, Company C gained a 12-12 tie, but Company B held on for the 15-12 victory.

Hadley said he “didn’t change a thing” for the deciding match.

“I told them to keep their composure and play like it’s a regular game,” Hadley said.

Duffy, after playing throughout the three matches, seemed hardly winded and ready for more.

“It’s nice to have something like this to look forward to at the end of the day,” the 19-year old Milwaukee native said.

“We enjoy playing and we’re pretty good at it too.”

A member of the Army National Guard, Duffy is due to graduate from Advanced Individual Training in June, then return to her

full-time studies at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point where she is an agriculture major.

In the meantime, she said she and her teammates will enjoy the rest of the season

Also suited up for play was Company B 143rd’s commander, Capt. Christopher Metz.

“This is a great stress reliever for hard-working soldiers,” Metz exclaimed. “The least I could do was come sit on the bench with them,” he smiled.

Hadley added a friendly caution to future opponents,

“Look out for Bravo,” Hadley warned. “We are the team to beat.”



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

*Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion players seem baffled by the appearance of a volleyball on the hand of Vince Loggins, 21. Actually, Loggin missed a volley as the camera clicked, leaving him with the appearance of wearing the ball. Looking on are Rick Blas, 32, and Alonzo Cushneer, 53.*



*Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion’s Santiago Alonzo, 3, leaps to intercept an incoming volley from Company C, 143rd during an April 4 game in Hoyle Gym. Company B won the contest in an exciting rally game, 15-12*



# Volleyball update



Company B 143rd Ordnance Battalion’s Calvin Snead, arm, lends an arm as he tries to keep the ball in play. Looking on are teammates Todd Sturgell, 22, Katie Duffy, 23, and coach William Hadley, 20.

The following results were reported for intramural volleyball for the week ending April 6.

### Aberdeen Division

**Results**  
*April 2*  
NCOA defeated Co. E 16th, 15-6; 15-11  
USMC defeated Co. C 16th, 15-8; 16-14  
*April 3*  
HHC 16th defeated HHC 61st, 15-6; 15-7  
USAF defeated Co. A 16th, 15-5; 15-7  
*April 4*  
Co. C 16th defeated NCOA, 15-3; 4-15; 15-8  
USMC defeated Co. A 16th, 15-12; 15-5  
*April 5*  
HHC 61st defeated Co. E 16th, 15-0; 1-15; 15-12  
HHC 16th defeated USAF, 9-15; 15-2; 15-13

**Schedule**  
*April 12*  
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. Co. C 16th  
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. USMC  
*April 16*  
6:30 p.m., Co. A 16th vs. HHC 61st  
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Co. E 16th  
*April 17*  
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. NCOA  
7:30 p.m., Co. C 16th vs. USAF  
*April 18*  
6:30 p.m., Co. A 16th vs. Co. C 16th  
7:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. USMC

**Standings**  
USMC 3-0  
NCOA 3-1  
HHC 61st 2-1  
Co. E 16th 2-2  
Co. C 16th 2-2  
HHC 16th 2-2  
USAF 1-3  
Co. A 16th 0-4

### Edgewood Division

**Results**  
*April 2*  
HHC 143rd defeated Co. C 143rd, 15-13; 15-13  
Co. B 143rd defeated Co. A 143rd, 9-15; 15-4; 15-8  
*April 4*  
CHPPM defeated Co. A 143rd, 15-11; 15-0  
Co. B 143rd defeated Co. C 143rd, 4-15; 15-6; 15-12

**Schedule**  
*April 16*  
6:30 p.m., Co. C 143rd vs. CHPPM  
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Co. B 143rd  
*April 18*  
6:30 p.m., Co. C 143rd vs. HHC 143rd  
7:30 p.m., Co. A 143rd vs. Co. B 143rd

**Standings**  
HHC 143rd 3-0  
Co. B 143rd 2-1  
Co. C 143rd 2-2  
CHPPM 1-2  
Co. A 143rd 0-3

# Trampoline policy--lawful leaping on APG

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Before Aberdeen Proving Ground residents and fans of trampolines jump for joy, they need to read and follow the new trampoline guidelines issued for owners and users of such equipment on APG.

Accidents leading to thousands of injuries and six deaths over the last several years have prompted some military installations to ban trampolines. After researching the issue at other military installations, APG has issued strict guidelines which address safety concerns as well as legal issues.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander and deputy installation commander, said the initiation of guidelines was prompted last year. Residents complained that a neighbor and trampoline owner did not supervise his equipment, and children from throughout the neighborhood had easy access to the trampoline.

“I saw children playing on it and it looked totally uncontrolled to me,” Spidel said.

## Trampoline safety laws

The policy, to be followed by everyone in family housing, covers insurance, placement and operation of trampolines on APG.

1. All residents owning trampolines must maintain a renter’s insurance policy with comprehensive liability insurance. The policy must remain in effect and not exclude coverage for injury or death arising from use or possession of a trampoline. The Family Housing Office should be furnished with a copy of the proof of insurance.
2. APG trampoline owners must sign a notarized Hold Harmless Agreement and insurance certification form, available in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, building 310. Both spouses must sign the form and furnish a copy to the Family Housing Office.
3. All owners must ensure that trampolines are used in full compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines and the manufacturers safety instructions. Copies of the CPSC guidelines are available at the housing office.
4. Owners must set up trampolines only in a fenced-in yard.
5. Owners must place trampolines in an open area away from fences, large trees, building structures, or other play equipment, and ensure that padding covers all springs, hooks and the trampoline frame.
6. Trampoline owners must provide adult supervision at all times during play.
7. Owners must store trampolines up-side-down when not in use. Unattended trampolines will not be left in a usable position.

The CPSC guidelines include allowing only one person on the trampoline at a time, no somersaults, and refraining from using a ladder for easy access to the device.

The CPSC reports six deaths from trampoline use since 1990, and tens of thousands of injuries each year, especially for those under the age of 15.

Failure to comply with the APG guidelines will result in a requirement to immediately remove the trampoline from the installation, or face possible termination from quarters.

For additional information regarding trampolines on APG, call Cecelia Howard in the Family Housing Office, 410-306-2011.



He added that the errant trampoline owner moved, but the issue of trampolines was re-kindled as the Christmas season approached and other residents inquired into purchasing a trampoline for the family.

“I wanted to ban them,” Spidel said, “but working with the housing, legal and safety offices, we were able to issue satisfactory guidelines.”

Lt. Col. Craig Teller, APG Staff Judge Advocate, said the guidelines are designed to address safety concerns, but also to cover legal issues.

“The policy is important from a safety perspective, but it also has the effect of insuring that trampoline owners protect themselves from liability for unintended injuries,” Teller said.

Cecelia Howard, a housing management specialist with the APG Family Housing Division, said the guidelines, distributed in all housing areas last month, were

issued to heighten awareness of the responsibilities involved with owning the popular devices and to anticipate any possible safety issues.

“We are issuing the guidelines to prevent any accidents from happening and ensure that residents are aware that appropriate adult supervision is required whenever trampolines are used,” Howard said.

She added that no serious accidents or injuries have been reported on APG.

# “American Guardians” guard the president

**By Capt. Nicole K. Chupas**  
*SBCCOM*

Tired, but ready for another long day, the officers, noncommissioned officers and civilians from the Technical Escort Unit, “American Guardians,” were up before dawn Jan. 20. For these men and women, it was another day on the job, mostly routine, but unusually exciting.

It was Inauguration Day. Protecting the president was the mission.

Uniform of the day: conservative suits and ties, not the standard camouflage battle dress uniform, or BDUs, worn on most other missions.

They gathered outside in the morning darkness along Pennsylvania Avenue to meet with representatives from the United States Secret Service, the federal agency assigned to lead their mission. A thorough review and discussion of the extensive planning for Inauguration Day was first priority. No activity scheduled for that day and evening would be overlooked. Throughout the week TEU would be partnered with many other federal agencies and local law enforcement, all ready to protect and serve.

For TEU, the mission was not unlike work routinely performed on many other days. TEU provided technical support to another federal agency, and conducted sweeps of countless hundreds of sites, venues and objects along Washington’s Pennsylvania Avenue, all in search of potential chemical or biological hazards or other hazardous material.

These sweeps would also allow the “Guardians” to familiarize themselves with the area in case it became necessary to respond to an incident.

The comprehensive sweep identified no immediate chemical or biological threat. But, TEU remained ready to quickly respond if the unthinkable happened.

With the area secured, Pennsylvania Avenue was prepared for the inaugural parade.

At 5:30 a.m., TEU took their positions along the parade route. Each team was equipped with HAZ-

MAT and chemical/biological monitoring, detection and sampling equipment; protective clothing; and, emergency decontaminants. Occasionally dodging eggs thrown by protestors, they stepped out in front of the presidential motorcade and lead the president and Mrs. Bush safely along the avenue, ready for the unexpected.

This was just one of the many missions that TEU conducted during the weeklong inaugural festivities. TEU continued this rigorous schedule of inspecting and searching for any potential hazards, not only during the parade, but also during the inauguration, the numerous inaugural balls, the opening-ceremony festivities and even the church service.

The long hours gave each member a unique opportunity to be next to numerous celebrities, professional athletes and entertainers. Among this group, they saw 2000 Sydney Olympic Games Greco-Roman Wrestling Gold Medallist Rulon Gardner, boxing legend Mohammed Ali, country singing stars Brooks and Dunn, pop singer Jessica Simpson, the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, and actor Chuck Norris.

In spite of the long hours and unfavorable weather, the teams were highly motivated and excited to be a part of such a historic event, said Maj. George E. Steiger, Company A Command and Mission commander for the inauguration support.

“They were entrusted with the responsibility to provide potentially crucial and life-saving support in the event of an incident,” said Steiger. “Regardless of rank, they were looked to and treated as the experts they are. As a result, all felt a great deal of pride.”

Inauguration Day 2001--the memories of another successful mission were quickly filed away.

The officers, NCOs and civilians would now focus on future missions. And, like Inauguration Day, they would plan to do their job without anyone knowing they were there.

## Hospitality race scheduled for April 21

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Area Military and Civilian Spouses’ Club will host a 5-kilometer race beginning at 9 a.m. at APG’s Fanshaw Field. Age categories are 15 and under, 16 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 40, 41 to 50, 51 to 60, 61 and over. A majority of the race will be run on Plumb Point Loop, APG.

To register, mail the entry form to MCSC, P.O. Box 752, APG, MD 21005. The entry fee is \$10 for those registered by April 10; \$12 for those registered by April 20; and \$15 the day of the race from 7:30 to

8:30 a.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female winners. Medallions will be given to the first three finishers in each category. The first 200 participants registered will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information call Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508, or Amy Carlson, 410-939-6429. USPA & IRA, APG Federal Credit Union, and the Ordnance Corps Association are sponsors of the race. All proceeds will benefit welfare and scholarship funds.



# Community Notes

## FRIDAY APRIL 13 EASTER CANTATA

The Edgewood Baptist Church Choir invites the community to attend “Amazing Love,” an Easter musical. The Easter Cantata will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Baptist Church located at 422 Edgewood Road. This is a free concert. For more information, call the church office at 410-676-5838.

## COUNTRY DANCING

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association sponsors Country Western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels.

## SATURDAY APRIL 14 EASTER EGG HUNT

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Exchange will host an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. The big event will take place in the large field adjacent to the PX parking lot. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, prizes, refreshments and fun for all age groups - 1 to 4, 5 to 8 and 9 to 12, with a special prize for the golden egg in each age group.



## SUNDAY APRIL 15 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Edgewood Baptist Church and the Lord of Life Lutheran Church invite the community to an Easter Morning Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m. at the Flying Point Park in Edgewood. For more information, call the church office at 410-676-5838.

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## TUESDAY APRIL 17 HCC SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Harford Community College will hold a spring open house, Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Chesapeake Center. Information will be available for high school juniors, seniors and their parents on the college and its programs. Meet faculty members, explore career and transfer options, gain knowledge of financial aid opportunities and learn about student life. To register for the open house or for more information, call 410-836-4222.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 18 CHAPEL LUNCHEON

The Edgewood Christian Fellowship luncheon will be held at the Edgewood Area Chapel 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A video presentation entitled, “Education and the Founding Fathers” by David Barton will be presented in 2 parts. The second part will be shown May 16. To make luncheon reservations, call 410-436-4109, before noon April 17.

## FRIDAY APRIL 20 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Bakersfield Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call Sandy Pierce at 410-273-7184. Proceeds benefit the Bakersfield Elementary School PTO.

## 4PM LIVE IN CONCERT

4PM will perform live at the Edgewood High School auditorium, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center. The concert is being hosted by Jojo Girard of WMIX106.5 Radio. Special guests include Big Daddy Country and Erica Martinez.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. To order tickets, call 410-671-7354 or e-mail forpositivemusic@aol.com. 4PM's latest album, “For Positive Music,” will be on sale at the concert for \$12.

## MWR UPDATE

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is a Morale, Welfare Recreation facility and is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents. We are located in building E-4440 next to the military police station near the troop store. Hours of operation are Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 410-436-2153 during listed hours.

### Ceramics class

A basic ceramics class will be held April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

### Porcelain Dolls

A porcelain doll class will be held on Fridays April, 13 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 plus supplies. Class participants will make a Sugar Britches doll, a great gift for friends or family. Class size is limited and pre registration is required.

### Stained Glass

A beginning stained glass class will be held April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

### Framing Class

A beginning matting and framing class will be held April 26 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame and register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

## TUESDAY APRIL 24 HEAT CENTER OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held at the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center from 4 to 7 p.m. The Open House will allow participants to explore opportunities in upper level undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered at the site by the College of Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering, Towson University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland College Park and Villa Julie College.

Some of the specializations include Business (B.A.), Education (B.A. and M.Ed.), Engineering (M. Eng.), Nursing (B.S.N), and Paralegal Studies (B.S.). Representatives from partner institutions will be available during the open house to discuss their programs and answer questions. Representatives from HCC's Business and Community Services Division will be on hand to discuss opportunities in computer certification, MCSE, CISCO, CCNA, A+, Web Authoring and Web Design that are offered at the HEAT Center.

For more information, call 410-638-2500. The HEAT Center is located at Rt. 22 and I-95 in Aberdeen.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 25 UMUC OPEN HOUSE

University of Maryland University College will hold an open house in the Education Services building 3146 on Raritan Avenue, Aberdeen Proving Ground, from 4 to 6 p.m. to showcase its programs and services in Harford County. The \$30 admission fee will be waived for new students who register at the open house for their first UMUC Course. Advisors and representatives will be available to answer questions. Students may complete admissions applications and register for summer classes during the open house. For more information, call UMUC's APG office at 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

## THURSDAY APRIL 26 PARKINSON'S DISEASE BRIEFING

The APG Committee for the Disabled presents Rebecca Dunlop, R.N., B.S.N., nurse coordinator for the Parkinson's Disease Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She will be speaking about Parkinson's disease: An overview, who is at risk, its effects on patients, family members and caregivers and current treatment options at 3 p.m. in the Gunpowder Club (Osprey Room) Edgewood Area. This session is open to the entire APG community. It is an educational information presentation, and is not an APG endorsement of Johns Hopkins Hospital or its programs and services.

Point of contact is Angela Cheek 410-278-1140.

## FRIDAY APRIL 27 BASKET BINGO

Roye-Williams Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization is sponsoring a Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, extra cards cost \$5. For tickets call Donna Dease, 410-273-1487. Proceeds benefit the

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3 CHILDREN \$1.50

### GET OVER IT

**Friday, April 13, 7 p.m.**

Starring: Kirsten Dunst, Ben Foster

Berke thought his senior year was shaping up to be perfection. He was dating the perfect girl, Allison and they seemed to be the perfect high school couple. For the first time in Berke's life, everything seemed to be a perfect fit - but boy, was he perfectly wrong about that. For Berke, it was like Romeo and Juliet; but for Allison, it was like, over. (Rated PG-13)

### DOWNT0 EARTH (FREE ADMISSION FOR LATE SHOW)

**Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.**

Starring: Chris Rock, Regina King

When Lance finds himself at Heaven's door, he is convinced there has been a mistake. Miraculously he is right, so a heavenly agent places him into the corpse of a rich Manhattan mogul who has just been bumped off by his wife. Ironically, Lance ultimately discovers his true self, falls in love and improves his comedy act in the process. (Rated PG-13)



### Aberdeen Area Chapel - Catholic

*April 12* Holy Thursday mass 11:45 a.m.

*April 13* Good Friday service 11:45 a.m.

*April 15* Easter Sunday mass 8:30 a.m.

### Aberdeen Area Chapel - Protestant

*April 12* Easter Cantata 10:15 a.m.

*April 12* Seder supper 6 p.m.

*April 13* Community Good Friday service 12 to 2 p.m.

(Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen)

*April 15* Sunrise service at EA's McBride Field 7 a.m.

### Edgewood Area Chapel - Catholic

*April 12* Holy Thursday mass 7 p.m.

*April 13* Good Friday service 7 p.m.

*April 14* Easter vigil 8 p.m

*April 15* Easter Sunday mass 10:45 a.m.

### Edgewood Area Chapel - Protestant

*April 13* Good Friday service 5 p.m.

*April 15* Easter sunrise service 7 a.m. (EA's McBride Field)

*April 15* Reception 8 a.m.

*April 15* Easter worship service 9:15 a.m.

*April 15* Easter Bible study 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Edgewood Area Chapel, 410-436-4109, or the Aberdeen Area Chapel, 410-278-4333.

Roye-Williams PTO and students.

## BOSS COMEDY SHOW

A BOSS Comedy Show and After Party will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Entertainment will be provided by APG's own DJ Buggs. Tickets cost \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door and can be purchased at the AA Recreation Center. Dress code is casual; proper ID is required for ages 21 and over.

## ST. PAUL'S PLAYERS PRESENTS “OLIVER”

The St. Paul's Players will present its spring production of the award-winning Lionel Bart musical “Oliver” 8 p.m. on April 27 and 28, and May 4 and 5, and 3 p.m. April 29 and May 6 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 Mt. Royal Ave. in Aberdeen. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and may be purchased in advance by calling 410-642-3362 or 410-879-9560. Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the performance. For information call 410-272-3111.

## SATURDAY APRIL 28 BASKET BINGO

Aberdeen High School, Paradise Road (South Building), will hold Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (three paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. The fundraiser benefits the Aberdeen High School lacrosse team. To purchase tickets, call Brenda Griffey, 410-272-5228, or Vicki Simpson, 410-272-6935.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has computer books for your reading pleasure. Visit the Aberdeen Area library or the Edgewood Area Branch library and check out some books.

***A+ Certification Training Guide*** by Charles J. Brooks

***MCSE in a Nutshell: The Windows 2000 Exams*** by Michael G. Moncur

***Troubleshooting, Maintaining & Repairing*** PCs by Stephen J. Bigelow

***Troubleshooting Microsoft Access Databases*** by Virginia Anderson

***Troubleshooting Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets*** by Laurie Ann Ulrich

***Troubleshooting Microsoft Windows*** by Stephen W. Sagman

***Troubleshooting Microsoft Windows 2000*** Professional by Jerry Joyce

***Troubleshooting your PC*** by M. David Stone

***Web Pages the Smart Way*** by Joseph T. Sinclair

The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 Aberdeen Blvd., 410-278-3417. Temporary operating hours are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6: 30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The Edgewood Area Library is located at building E-4405 Austin Rd., 410-436-3589. Temporary operating hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, closed and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

## LEAVE DONATION

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Jodie A. Ables (herniated disc)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Stacy Miller (maternity) ,
Brenda K. Bielat (car accident, severe pain)	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Tammy Budkey	Mary E. Pettitway
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Michael Reynolds
Geraldine S. Cragg	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Fred Dill	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Surinder K. Dillon	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Joseph R. Dugan	Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
Messina Enderlein	Sherry Schaffer
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Lena Shelton ,
Willa Freisheim	Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)
Norman L. Greear	Rita R.Sloder (surgery)
Rose M. Hill (vertigo)	Gail H. Smith (death of husband)
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Motoko Stahl
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)	Rachel Swearingen
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Wayne A. Jaynes	Frances L. Thomas
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Carole Jones	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
Beverly King (caring for husband)	Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
William Klein	Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)
Michael A. Lattin (heart surgery)	
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	

**For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.**















# Signs of spring-- APG cleans up

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Spring house cleaning moves outside over the next several weeks, as residents, tenant organizations and Ordnance Center and Schools' personnel remove the last of the fall leaves and fallen branches to give new growth the chance to catch a little of that spring sunshine.

Aberdeen Proving Ground Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, in charge of the semi-annual effort, urges all tenants and residents to participate in spring cleanup. Scheduled to take place during the weeks preceding Ordnance Week, a time when APG is open to a large number of military and civilian visitors, Stallings said if everyone participates, sprucing up around the installation does not involve a great deal of time, and visitors take away a good impression of APG.

He said that although the last several cleanups on the installation have been successful, there are still some residents who are unwilling to participate. Stallings said many residents have the right attitude, and he hopes it catches on with everyone on the installation. Doing an installation pre-inspection for cleanup last week, Stallings said he witnessed a family member and a number of eager neighborhood children clearing debris and trash from their neighborhood.

He said the group effort started after neighborhood children noticed a mother and child picking up debris in the playground area. Eager youngsters grabbed gardening tools and joined in, happy to be making a difference.

"If our kids and family members can see the importance of spring cleanup and are taking pride in the appearance of the post, all of us should be more than willing to join in, get the job done, and enjoy doing it together," he said.

Tenant units are the first to par-

ticipate in spring cleanup, beginning April 17 and running through April 21. OC&S participates April 24-28, and the housing areas clean up May 1 through 5.

All areas are to be raked, edged, trimmed, and eliminated of trash and debris. Mulch should be raked and grass removed from curbs and pavement areas. Holding ponds in Patriot Village and Skippers Point will be open for neighborhood cleanup participation on May 5. All residents are expected to participate in cleaning common areas.

Garden equipment, including rakes, trimmers and lawn mowers are available for sign-out at the Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center, building 5413, and the Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center, E-5703. Also available are trash bags, grass seed and fertilizer.

The Aberdeen facility, 410-278-8814, is open 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The Edgewood location, 410-436-2398, is open the same hours on Wednesday and Friday. Participants are reminded that neither center is open on Saturday. All borrowed equipment is to be returned as soon as possible so all participants have the opportunity to use it.

A special trash, leaf and limb pickup is scheduled for Monday, May 7. All participants should make sure tree limbs, clippings, and dirt containers are at the curb by 8 a.m. Any swept dirt should be in containers of manageable weight. Bulk trash should also be placed at the curb for a May 7 bulk trash pick up by the refuse contractor.

Those in charge of cleanup for their unit or neighborhood are to record the names of those who refuse to participate and provide them to Stallings, 410-278-1509, for follow-up.

"Take pride in the appearance of the installation," Stallings said. "When APG looks good, we all look good."



From left, Philip Vardaman, 8, Alex Figueroa, 11, Felix Galvan, 11, Ben Levario, 7, Carolynn Calabrese, 12, and Katherine Levario, 9, show how it's done by picking up gardening tools and getting to work on the Columbia and Delaware Court playground in the Mobile Home Park. Over a dozen neighborhood children brought rakes, shovels and a great attitude to the neighborhood playground, making it a "workground" for a few hours, enjoying themselves and anticipating increased use of the now great-looking play area. Children also participating in the playground cleanup included Alex House, Ronnie Monteroso, 11, Kimberly Decillo, 8, Nia Hale, 6, Courtnee Johnson, 10, Angela Borrero, 12, Samantha Goodwin, 10, and Miguel Borrero, 8.

Photos by SHEILA LITTLE

Delaware Court resident Cindy Levario, center, prepares for spring by clearing winter debris from the neighborhood playground with her children Katherine and Benjamin. The family started the ball rolling on neighborhood cleanup by tackling the playground one afternoon last week after an early dismissal from elementary school. The children soon were joined by over a dozen other children of Mobile Home Park residents, for a jump on spring cleanup.



## 2001 Earth Day is on the way

### Festivities set for April 21, rain or shine

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Harford County's Earth Day 2001 Celebration will be held Saturday, April 21 at Swan Harbor Farm on Oakington Road in Havre de Grace.

Sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the event is open to the public and will be held, rain or shine.

"Last year's event was a great success despite drizzly conditions," said Danielle Taddy of the Earth Day committee.

"About 1,500 people came out to share in the festivities which have something for everyone," she added.

Some of the events, which run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., include children's face painting, tree seedling give-aways, live entertainment and refreshments.

Nature Walks, requiring reservations in advance, also will be offered.

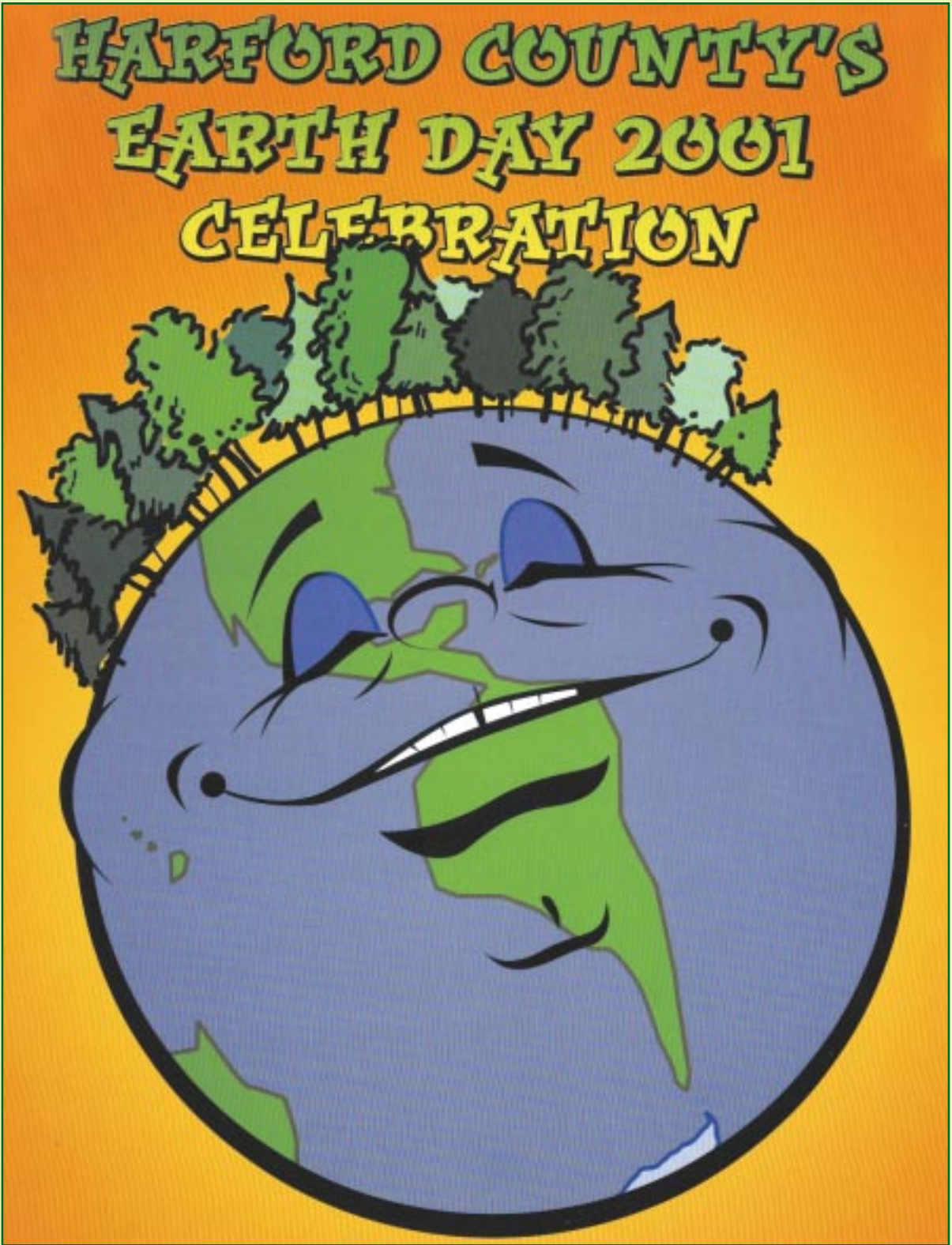
One highlight of the day will be a tree planting at 3 p.m. by Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison commander Col. Robert J. Spidel. Also on hand will be Harford County Executive James M. Harkins and the mayors of Havre de Grace, Aberdeen and Bel Air.

Organizations from APG and the surrounding community will be on hand to answer questions about the environment, and a scholarship will be awarded to a local Harford County student.

"The annual scholarship is offered for students who are academic achievers and in environmental activities, and who demonstrate an intent to enter environmental studies," Taddy said.

With more than 30 earth-friendly booths offering fun for all, organizers are hoping for a repeat of last year's success.

The registration deadline for Nature Walks is April 15. To register, or to learn more about Earth Day 2001, 410-939-6767.





# Partnership signing seals friendly relationship

By **Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The bond existing between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany got stronger last week, as Aberdeen Proving Ground made its long-standing friendship with the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada official.

During a Partnership Agreement Ceremony at Top of the Bay, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Brig. Gen. Hans-George Atzinger, commander of the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada, signed Scrolls of Agreement, sealing the friendship before a gathering of APG and German Army leaders.

The German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada headquarters is in Reston, Va.

The partnership concept is based on the tradition of German-American alliances. The two commands agreed to foster personal contacts between military and civilian staffs of both organizations with projects that may include participation in military and athletic training events or competitions, guided tours, presentations and discussions or cultural and social events.

The focus is to provide opportunities for mutual consultation, and to enhance foreign language skills.

Doesburg described APG's relationship with its German neighbors as "solid" and noted the contributions of Helmut F. Heuer, a former liaison for the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command who coordinated the

original meetings between the two. He introduced Atzinger as a "soldier's soldier who has served at every level of command."

Atzinger said he was honored to "enter into an official partnership as a result of the long standing friendship between ourselves."

"We look forward to partnership and fulfillment now and in the future," Atzinger said.

Assisting in the ceremony were Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander and Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Headquarters Support Troop.

Following the signing, Atzinger awarded the prestigious German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge to 10 APG servicemembers. He singled out the efforts of Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander Headquarters Support Troop, and Lt. Erick Stone, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security for coordinating training on American weapons and the awarding of U.S. Army marksmanship badges to several German Army soldiers. He also thanked Staff Sgts. Steven Serisky, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and Robert Thoms, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, for serving as coordinators for past competitions involving APG personnel.

Every year since 1998, servicemembers from APG and the Military District of Washington participate in competition for the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge.

Founders of the initiative include Spidel, Heuer, and German Army Lt. Col. Christian Farkhondeh.

"Col. Spidel was essential to

the whole story, no question," said Heuer during a phone interview in which he recalled it was Spidel who encouraged him to contact Farkhondeh who "was as enthusiastic as he was."

Since then APG personnel have competed in several events in Northern Virginia and on APG geared toward attainment of the badge under the guidance of Johnston, Farkhondeh, German Sgt. Maj. Bernd Kramer and Kapitaenleutnant Ruediger Gaza.

"I think it's a great idea and a chance to further improve the relations between our two armed forces and our two countries," Heuer said about the partnership.

"This is a living partnership," Farkhondeh said, his friendship with Johnston is a direct result of the ongoing partnership.

"It is so easy to work with APG," Farkhondeh added. "Their facilities and people make it easier to work with."

Recipients of the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge during the Partnership Signing Ceremony were: U.S. Navy Lt. Cdr. Ken Whitwell, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Maj. Robert Roussel, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory; Lt. Erick Stone, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; Master Sgt. Keith Koob, Headquarters Support Troop; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Munoz, 520th TAML; Staff Sgt. Peter Grasser, Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion, Staff Sgt. Scott Jackson, DLES; Sgt. John George, Company F, 224th Aviation Battalion, Spc. Lorna Libert, 520th TAML, Officer Erik Miller, DLES and Spc. Jennifer Whited, DLES.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Brig. Gen. Hans-George Atzinger, commander German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada presents Spc. Lorna Libert, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory with a German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge during the Partnership Signing ceremony between the German command and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Right, German Army Brig. Gen. Hans-George Atzinger, left, and APG commander, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg display the Scroll of Agreement they exchanged after signing into existence the partnership agreement between Aberdeen Proving Ground and the German Armed Forces Command, U.S. and Canada during an April 3 ceremony in Top of the Bay.



# Academy provides tough training for a tough job

**POLICE GRADS, from front page**

The noncommissioned officer in charge of the Traffic Branch, Wells has been on APG two years. He said the course curriculum, which includes self defense, domestic response tactics, physical training and classroom instruction, consisted of 12 hours of training everyday starting at 6 a.m.

"The law portion was the eye-opener for me," Wells said. He added that he and his coworkers have grown closer during the course. "We learned more about each other," he observed.

Commenting on the course, Sgt. Stacy Fenske said it "enhances law enforcement training we already have. It increases our skills, discipline and is an excellent source of reference materials," Fenske said.

A 3rd Squad patrol supervisor in the Edgewood Area, Fenske was joined by his wife, Cassie and sons Shea, 2, and Ian, 4.

He agreed that Maryland Law was the most challenging subject offered, adding, "it deals with varia-

tions in levels of offenses."

Spcs. Donald Saucier, Dion Edwards and Jason McCormick concurred. McCormick and Edwards, Edgewood Area patrolmen, cited the long days and Maryland laws as their greatest challenges.

"Some of the laws are new and improved," McCormick said.

Edwards, a former field artilleryman, said four weeks of 12-hour days was "definitely the toughest part."

Saucier, a 3rd Squad patrolmen on the Aberdeen Area, said he learned a lot he didn't know about Maryland laws.

Graduates of Class 01-01 are Staff Sgts. Edward Wells and Robert Mason, Sgts. Eric Murberg, Darrin Lorenzen, Michael Backstrom (honor graduate) and Stacy Fenske, Spcs. Dion Edwards, William Long, Donald Saucier, Jason McCormick and Geoffrey Grey and Pfc. Cynthia Kincheloe, Angel Lopez and Charlie Segura.



Photos by LT. ERICK STONE

Spc. Troy Wilkinson and other members of the Special Reaction Force act out a tactical firing exercise wearing full body marker tactical shields for Police Academy students.



Instructors at the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's Police Academy demonstrate safe entry procedures for an academy class. Pictured from left, Officer James Toscano, and Staff Sgt. Lee Markwell.



Photo courtesy APG PHOTO LAB

The newest additions to APG's finest, Police Academy Class 01-01, pose with post leaders in front of the APG police station. From left front, Maj. Darrel Andrews provost marshal, Sgt. Eric Murberg, Spc. William Long, Spc. Jason McCormick, Pfc. Cynthia Kincheloe, Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander, Robert Krauer, deputy provost marshal and Lt. Erick Stone, Police Academy officer in charge. Back row, Joseph Crayton, deputy to the garrison commander, Master Sgt. Keith Koob, provost sergeant, Sgt. Stacy Fenske, Staff Sgt. Edward Wells, Spcs. Donald Saucier, Dion Edwards and Staff Sgt. Robert Mason.